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SAO PAULO FOR ARENALES

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HOWARD NORTON) BR, CARR (CAPUANO, THOMAS) (ROSEBAUGH, LAWRENCE)
SUBJ: CONSUL RECIFE SPEAKS TO PERNAMBUCO SECURITY SECRETARY ON
LOOKOUT ISSUED ON US CITIZEN; ARCHDIOCESE CRITICIZES
OFFICIAL REPORT ON CAPUANO-ROSEBAUGH ARREST

REF: A. BRASILIA 6704 B. BRASILIA 6630

1. AMCONSUL RECIFE CALLED ON PERNAMBUCO STATE SECRETARY OF
SECURITY AUGUST 11 TO DISCUSS CIRCULAR LOOKOUT ISSUED FOR
AMERICAN CITIZENS HOWARD WAYNE NORTON AND HOWARD NORTON
MACHTINGER. CONSUL ASKED SECRETARY ABOUT HIS ALLEGED
ORDERS TO QUESTION FOREIGNERS DOING MISSIONARY WORK IN
POOR AREAS (REF B). SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE HAD
PUBLISHED CIRCULAR LOOKOUT, WHICH HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED
FROM MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, BUT DENIED THAT HE HAD ISSUED
ORDERS TO QUESTION FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

2. SECRETARY STATED THAT HE COULD NOT WITHDRAW CIRCULAR
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LOOKOUT, AS IT HAD BEEN ISSUED BY JUSTICE MINISTRY. HE
STATED THAT FURTHER PUBLICITY ON NORTON/MACHTINGER
CIRCULAR LOOKOUT WOULD ONLY FURTHER CONFUSE THE MATTER
AND THAT HE THEREFORE HAD NO PLANS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL
MEETINGS WITH THE PRESS ON THE QUESTION. SECRETARY EX-
PRESSED OPINION THAT ANY POLICE ZEALOUSNESS CAUSED BY HIS
ALLEGED INSTRUCTIONS TO QUESTION FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

WOULD QUICKLY DISAPPEAR IN A FEW DAYS.AT CONSUL'S REQUEST, HE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WITH CONSUL SHORTLY TO RECONSIDER STRATEGY IF POLICY TREATMENT OF AMERICANS IS NOT FULLY NORMALIZED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO AMCONSULATE RECIFE CONTACTS, A NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY PERNAMBUCO POLICE FOR DOCUMENT CHECKS IN RECENT DAYS. END COMMENT.)

3. SECRETARY ALSO AGREED TO SEND NO LATER THAN AUGUST 16 A RESPONSE TO CONSUL'S COMPLAINT DATED MAY 22 ON ARREST AND TREATMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THOMAS CAPUANO AND LAWRENCE ROSEBAUGH. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS RESPONSE WILL INCLUDE AN OFFER OF SPECIAL IDENTITY CARDS FOR AMERICANS WORKING WITH THE POOR IN PERNAMBUCO. ALLEGED PURPOSE OF CARD IS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF MISTAKEN ARREST OF PERSONS WHOSE ATTIRE IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THAT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONS OF THEIR SOCIAL/ECONOMIC POSITION. RESPONSE WILL ALSO AFFIRM SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTIONS TO POLICE STATIONS THROUGHOUT PERNAMBUCO TO REPORT ALL ARRESTS OF FOREIGNERS TO HIM, SO THAT HE CAN IN TURN IMMEDIATELY INFORM APPROPRIATE CONSULS.

4. ARCHDIOCESE OF OLINDA AND RECIFE ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT AUGUST 11 CRITICIZING REPORT ON OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO CAPUANO AND ROSEBAUGH ARREST (REF C). ARCHDIOCESE NOTE CONFIDENTIAL

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STATED THAT INQUIRY'S PURPOSE WAS TO DEFEND POLICE AND JAIL SYSTEM AND NOTED "FALSIFICATION OF FACTS AND ABSURD ALLEGATIONS" IN OFFICIAL REPORT. FULL TEXT OF ARCHDIOCESE NOTE BEING SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY BY SEPTTEL FROM RECIFE. RUSER

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